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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–8—After successfully banishing the Gorg and ruining the Boovs's plans to colonize planet Earth, J.Lo and Gratuity (Tip to her friends) are back in this sequel to *The True Meaning of Smekday* (Hyperion, 2007). The Boov, dumpy little aliens who find English grammar amusingly challenging, have now settled, somewhat peevishly, on one of Saturn's moons. J.Lo, and Tip board J.Lo's converted Chevy spacecraft, Slushious, and blast off to New Boovworld, only to find themselves on the run from the police and Captain Smek, who is now campaigning to become New Boovworld's first president. Rex is a comic genius who has created a laugh- and groan-out-loud novel filled with spaceship chases, bubbling billboards, villainous villains, and reluctant heroes to say nothing of rousing games of Stickyfish and the obligatory garbage pit. Hilarious cartoons will please graphic novel aficionados. Don't skip Appendix A: Rules for Stickyfish.—Jane Henriksen Baird, Anchorage Public Library, AK

Review

PRAISE FOR MOONDAY

* "This mashup of the ordinary and the far-out, of a little neighborhood and a giant, glowing orb from outer space, thrills." *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

"Rex packs his sequel with loads of action and a steady spotlight on friendship; plus, he adds witty send-ups of political elections, time travel, and even sports rules (again using cartoon panels to good effect). And his humor is, as it was in *Smekday*, laugh-out-loud funny." *The Horn Book*

PRAISE FOR CHLOE AND THE LION

"[C]hildren will find a meaningful exposition of just what goes into a successful picture book, and how author, illustrator, and character must collaborate and compromise." *Booklist*

PRAISE FOR BILLY TWITTERS AND HIS BLUE WHALE PROBLEM

* "Definitely funny and slyly subversive." *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

PRAISE FOR CHLOE AND THE LION

"This meta-picture book offers plenty of sly giggles (and knows it)." *Kirkus Reviews*

PRAISE FOR CHLOE AND THE LION

* "[A]n elaborate prank on the picture-book genre, and it comes together in playful harmony." *School Library Journal*, **starred review**

PRAISE FOR CHLOE AND THE LION

"[R]at-a-tat dialogue and fresh visuals should keep it at the top of the bedtime pile." *Publishers Weekly*

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"The humor in this story is undeniably unique...the first half of the book is an entirely funny road trip of the Kerouac-meets-E.T. variety "***Kirkus Reviews***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"[G]uaranteed to tickle the middle-school funny bone."***Booklist***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

* "First-time novelist Rex has written an imaginative, wacky, hilarious sci-fi story that will appeal to fans of Eoin Colfer and Jon Scieszka. Lively cartoon-paneled illustrations are interspersed throughout and add to the fun. This is a fast-paced adventure with a whip-smart protagonist, a lovable and resourceful extraterrestrial, and plenty of social commentary."***School Library Journal, starred review***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"Adam Rex has created a book that is so snappy and fun and angst-giddy that you really can't put it down, because to do so would mean going back to the harsh-world reality in which you live and almost die. But reading a book this captivating is always worth the risk of being abducted by aliens with weak immune systems."***Jack Gantos, author of 2012 Newbery Medal winner Dead End in Norvelt***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"This is a truly wonderful book about what happens when a girl named Gratuity and a cat named Pig join forces with an alien named J.Lo to try to save the world from another group of aliens who . . . Okay, it gets complicated. But trust me: it never stops being funny."***Dave Barry***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"Although it's a book for children, adults will find this page turner, really a satire about the conquering of foreign cultures, entertaining as well. Its pacing and cadence make it a perfect story for reading aloud, and it's almost impossible to resist sharing great lines with people nearby."***Lisa von Drasek for The New York Times***

PRAISE FOR MOONDAY

"The sometimes-rhyming text is lavish in its simplicity, and Rex's paintings hit the same tone with their impressionistic brushwork and fine attention to detail."***Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books***

PRAISE FOR MOONDAY

"Children will love this tribute to their imaginings, and adults will appreciate the reminder that until you are taught otherwise, the Moon really can follow you all the way home."***School Library Journal***

PRAISE FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

"Who knew the end of the world could be so hilarious? Rex's high-octane fantasy could fairly be called an apocalyptic comedy."***Publishers Weekly***

About the Author

Adam Rex is the *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of *Frankenstein Makes A Sandwich*. His other books include *Pssst!*, *Moonday*, *The True Meaning of Smekday*, *Fat Vampire*, and *Cold Cereal*. He also illustrated the Brixton Brothers series, *Billy Twitters and his Blue Whale Problem*, and *Chloe and the Lion*, all by Mac Barnett and *Chu's Day* by Neil Gaiman. He lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Sheila Nathan:

As people who live in often the modest era should be up-date about what going on or details even knowledge to make these individuals keep up with the era and that is always change and move ahead. Some of you maybe can update themselves by reading books. It is a good choice for you personally but the problems coming to an individual is you don't know what kind you should start with. This Smek for President is our recommendation to make you keep up with the world. Why, because book serves what you want and want in this era.

Brandy Brobst:

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Mattie Peters:

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